However the figures of accidents on Eastern, East Central, North Eastern, Northeast Frontier & South Eastern Railways which serve the State of Bihar during the last two years are as under:-

	2001-2002	2002-2003*
Collisions	15	9
Derailments	145	108
Manned level Crossings	4	7
Unmanned level Crossings	25	22
Fire	2	4
Miscellaneous	1	3
TOTAL	192	153

(*Figures are Provisional)

(c) Following steps have been taken to ensure safety and secure train journey in mishap-prone are of Bihar:—

(i) Development of anti-theft fitting and fastening.

(ii) Elimination of fish-plated joints by welding of rails.

(iii) Patrolling of track in the sections identified as sabotage-prone specifically on important bridges, deep-cuttings, tunnels and their approaches.

(iv) Burring fish-bolts on vulnerable sections.

(v) Speed restrictions on vulnerable sections.

(vi) Piloting of Rajdhani Express and other Superfast trains.

State Government has also been asked to share information with Railways to prevent attempts to sabotage.

Wagons for transportation of grains

2207. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of Rajasthan has been requesting for

making available railway wagons for transportation of grains for distribution among drought-hit people of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not acceding to the request; and

(c) by when the wagons would be allotted to carry grains for the drought relief labourers in eleven districts of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, loading of Foodgrains, by the Railways, for different States in the country for Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes is done as per the programme given by Food Corporation of India (FCI). During the period April, 2003 to July, 2003, the programme given by FCI, and the loading done for Rajasthan has been as under:

(In Rakes)

Programme given by FCI		Loading done by Railways	
BG	MG	BG	MG
498	355	513	363

Dindigul-Sabrimala Rail line

2208. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project of construction of Dindigul-Sabrimala new line has been dropped from the priority list due to the reason of negative rate of return;

(b) if so, the details of survey report thereof;

(c) on what basis a project is considered remunerative or unremunerative; and

(d) the standard procedures followed by the Railway in this regard?